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## **Georgia Southern University, Wexford Arts Centre partner on presentation by leading scholar on black abolitionists in Ireland**

March 23, 2021

In the spirit of equity, diversity and inclusion, Georgia Southern University and the Wexford Arts Centre in County Wexford, Ireland, will present “Black Abolitionists In Ireland,” featuring Christine Kinealy, Ph.D., the leading expert in the field and professor of history at Quinnipiac University on March 23 at 3 p.m Eastern or 7 p.m. in Ireland.

In the mid-19th century, Frederick Douglass, Sarah Parker Redmond and other Black American abolitionists conducted speaking tours of Ireland. According to Douglass, his many months in Ireland defined him “not as a color but as a man.”

Kinealy is an Irish-British historian, the founding director of Ireland’s Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University and the author of multiple scholarly books, including three about Frederick Douglass’s time in Ireland. This webinar is based on her latest, much acclaimed book, “Black Abolitionists in Ireland.” For more information and to view the webinar, visit [irishgeorgia.com/abolitionists](http://irishgeorgia.com/abolitionists).

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## **Georgia Southern senior art exhibition transports viewers to new reality**

March 23, 2021



Four senior art students on the Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus in Savannah will showcase their ability to transport viewers to a new reality in the exhibition “Anywhere but Here,” which will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery from March 22 to April 9.

“Anywhere But Here” is a small collection of dreamy and unusual pieces. Audiences can expect to view various mediums including digital, paintings, fibers and collages.

Senior Kaelyn Pettus said she hopes her work will provide people with an opportunity to briefly escape their current surroundings.

“The past year has shown us how quickly everything can change from normal to extremely uncertain and even a little scary,” Pettus said. “Art is a wonderful and comforting outlet during unprecedented times, an escape from the reality and pressures of the real world.”

Works by other senior artists Mary Beth Dukes, Nia Ford and Alessandra Roccapiore are also featured in the exhibition.

For more information about the Fine Arts Gallery, visit [cah.georgiasouthern.edu/art/outreach-events/fine-arts-gallery/](http://cah.georgiasouthern.edu/art/outreach-events/fine-arts-gallery/).

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